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* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think the Government will be able to answer that point."

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" Yes, Sir, as soon as we see how the matters stand at the end of this day."

IV

ADJOURNMENT MOTION *IN RE* THE CARNATIC PAPER MILLS, LIMITED, RAJAHMUNDRY.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT called upon Mr. J. A. Saldanha to make his motion on the question of Mettur, and Mr. J. A. Saldanha said :—" I am not going to move that, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" I move for the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the question of recent negotiations for sale of the interest that the Government have acquired in the Carnatic Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I wish to know what the Government have to say on the point of urgency and on the point whether the motion relates to a matter of recent occurrence." 12 noon.

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I am afraid, Sir, that the question is not so urgent as the hon. Member seems to think. I assure him that I shall have the matter discussed with him this afternoon and I am confident that I shall convince him that an adjournment of the business of the House is not necessary. I have no objection to have the matter discussed in the House ; but I do not think that the hon. Member will press it after he has discussed the matter with me."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—" We may arrange to have the motion taken up to-morrow. If I am in the meanwhile satisfied with the explanation of the Minister, I shall not press it."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" No such arrangement is possible. Has the hon. Minister any objection regarding the urgency and the recency of occurrence of the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. M. R. SETURATNAM AYYAR :—" I have no objection ; only I request that this matter may be taken up for discussion day after to-morrow."

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" It cannot be done under the Standing Orders. I hold that the motion is in order. Does any member of the House object ? (After a pause.) No objection having been raised, I fix to-morrow 2-30 p.m. as the time when this matter will be taken up for discussion."

V

COMMUNICATION TO THE COUNCIL.

The SECRETARY laid [a] on the table copies of the Press Communiqué dated 31st August 1928, containing a brief statement of the facts of the South Indian Railway strike and the attitude of the Government in relation thereto.

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 224-226 infra.